

NEWING FAMILY

NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands and all numbered graves are in Stanley Cemetery. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Lawrence NEWING was born circa 1850 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Lawrence was married to **Bessie EATHERTON (HETHERTON)**, minor, 17 July 1876 by Arthur Bailey, Registrar at the Registrar's Office. The witnesses were Stephen Tolfree and E C Tolfree. Lawrence's father was recorded as Henry Newing and Bessie's as Henry Eatherton. Both Lawrence and Bessie were living in Stanley at the time of the marriage. No occupations were recorded.

Lawrence was appointed a constable in the Police Force 1 December 1885 on an annual salary of £60. He also received a free house and garden and could supply himself with free peat from Crown Lands. [T1]

Lawrence worked as government blacksmith from 1891 to 1905 on an annual salary of £84-0-0. Lawrence was appointed a warder 1 June 1906 on the same annual salary.

Bessie, age 75, died 19 July 1933 and was buried 21 July 1933 in Grave K1045. [Obituary Penguin 20 Jul 1933] Lawrence, age 83, died 8 January 1934 and was buried 10 January 1934 in Grave K1054.

Bessie EATHERTON was born 14 July 1858 in St Maybn, Cornwall to **Henry** and ? **EATHERTON**. Bessie is recorded in the Cornwall census of 1871, Folio 16 Page 6, as being age 12 and a servant/child's maid living at 30 Stone Farm House, St Mabyn, Cornwall with the Pollard family. According to her obituary she came to the Falkland Islands on the Sea Witch, arriving 1872, however the vessel is not recorded as arriving in 1872 but did arrive 21 October 1873 with two passengers after 63 days at sea. She was chartered as a store ship by the Dean family so Bessie, who would have been 15, may have come down to work as a servant for them. First mention of Bessie found after that is 8 March 1875 as a witness at the wedding of Stephen Tolfree, a 37 year old private in the RMLI, to Elizabeth Holmes, age 26. Both Stephen and Elizabeth were witnesses at Bessie's wedding the following year.



FIRST GENERATION

Children of Lawrence & Bessie NEWING:

1. **Henry NEWING** born 22 May 1877 in Stanley and baptised 29 July 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Henry started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area 15 August 1897 and worked until 19 May 1900. [FIC/IW6; 42, 669, 674] Henry, an engine driver, was married to **Elizabeth Emma CHEEK**, age 19 and in domestic service, 8 May 1902 in the Cathedral Church of Christ Stanley according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by N Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Ryan and Annie Maud Newing. Henry died 5 November 1935 in Stanley from cerebral thrombosis after and operation on the 1 November 1935 and was buried 8 November 1935 in Grave K1085. Elizabeth died 25 July 1971 in Stanley, age 88, and was buried 29 July 1971 in Grave U2167.
2. **Edwin NEWING** born 13 November 1878 in Stanley and baptised 31 January 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Edwin, age 19, drowned 5 June 1898 in Port Salvador and his body was found 11 December 1898 and he was buried 11 December 1898 in Grave E405 next to his brother, James.



3. **William John "Billie" NEWING** born 15 June 1880 in Stanley and baptised 18 July 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. William died 19 August 1904 in Germiston Transvaal, South Africa when he was struck by the train which brought the coal to the mine. [FIM Dec & Xmas 1904]
4. **Annie Maud NEWING** born 15 April 1882 in Stanley and baptised 6 July 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Annie was married to **Sydney Herbert RICHES**, police constable from England, 22 July 1903 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were M E Newing and W Atkins. Sydney's father was recorded as Charles Riches, stonemason. On 14 October 1907 Sidney, a police constable, wrote to the Colonial Secretary with regards to the approaching termination of his service in the Falkland Islands and requesting help in obtaining further employment in another Colony. Governor Allardyce wrote to the Secretary of State forwarding Sidney's letter advising that he had

brought with him an excellent character and that he had always found him to be trustworthy, energetic, capable and painstaking with many of the qualifications necessary for police work. Sidney, along with his wife and child, was entitled to a free second class passage to England in April 1908. The Secretary of State replied 10 December 1907 that vacancies of that kind were normally filled up locally without reference to him. [G7; 86: F35; 180] Sydney, Annie and their daughter departed 11 May 1908 on board the *Lima* bound for London. They arrived back 21 October 1908 on board the *Ortega*. Sydney was appointed a Constable 26 October 1908 on an annual salary of £72 with a house, uniform and 54 loads of peat. [S64; 72] Sydney was appointed Assistant Customs Officer, Stanley, 2 December 1912 on an annual salary of £84 plus uniform. He also received £24 per annum as Inspector of Nuisances and the same as Sanitary Inspector. [S67; 70] Sydney went down south as Assistant Customs Officer in 1919. [DEP/WHA/4-4] Sidney was appointed a Whaling Officer at the South Shetlands during the 1923/24 whaling season and the 1924/25 whaling season. [DEP/WHA/4-4: R32; 136: R33;127] Sidney, Assistant Customs Officer, was appointed acting Customs Officer from 24 January 1927 to 6 May 1927 and 3 July 1927 to 2 January 1928. [R36; 30, 114, 137: R37; 15] Sidney, age 57 and a customs officer, and Annie, age 47, went to the UK on holiday with their family in 1929. Sidney was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with brown eyes and grey hair and a tattoo of a woman's bust on his left forearm and an Indian dagger on his right forearm. Annie was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair.



Sidney was appointed Whaling Officer with the vessels operating pelagically on the Eastern edge of the Falkland Islands sector of the Dependencies with effect from 5 October 1930. Sidney arrived from the South Shetlands on board the *Maudie* 9 April 1931. On 29 September 1931 the Secretary of State approved of the retirement of Sidney, the assistant customs officer, as from 1 May 1932 and the payment to him of a pension of £117-10-10 per annum from that date. Sidney had applied for an addition to his pension on the ground of deafness caused by his service as a whaling officer in the Dependencies but the medical officer advised that was not specifically attributable to the nature of his duties. His post was abolished on his retirement. [F76; 224: G26; 194] Sydney and Annie departed with their daughter Constance 17 March 1932 on board the *La Paz* bound for England. [Penguin 18 Mar 1932: FIC/EF/5] On 21 September 1932 J M Ellis, the Colonial Secretary, wrote to Sydney, care of the Crown Agents, to congratulate him on him being awarded the Imperial Service Medal and to say that it gave His Excellency great pleasure to know that his long and devoted service under the Crown had been recognised. [K14; 401: S87; 102] On 22 September 1932 Sydney, who was living in Belton House, 33 Dolphin Road, Slough, Bucks, offered his services as Whaling Officer with the Whaling Fleet during the forthcoming service to the Secretary of State. He pointed out that he had had four seasons' experience in this work before his retirement from the Falkland Islands Civil Service. [F77; 254]

5. **Mabel Elizabeth NEWING** born 25 July 1884 in Stanley and baptised 28 September 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Mabel, age 50, emigrated to the UK in 1934. According to her passport application she was 5' 5" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair.



Mabel in 1934

6. **George Lawrence NEWING** born 8 September 1885 and baptised 19 December 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as police constable. George, age 37 and a labourer, went on holiday to Argentina in 1924. According to his passport application he was 5' 7 ½" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. George, age 65, died 13 August 1952 from heart failure hastened by exposure to smoke fumes and cold, under conditions amounting to misadventure and was buried 15 August 1952 in Grave 1491.



George in 1924

7. **Walter NEWING** born 15 August 1888 in Stanley and baptised 24 September 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Walter was appointed a carter with the Public Works Department 1 January 1911. Walter, age 46 and a foreman, went on holiday to the UK in 1935. According to his passport application he was 5' 4" tall with blue eyes and brown hair.



Walter in 1935

8. **James Stanley NEWING** born 14 September 1890 in Stanley and baptised 1 October 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. James died 5 October 1890 from convulsions and was buried 8 October 1890 in Grave E404.
9. **Albert NEWING** born 21 December 1891 in Stanley and baptised 24 January 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as acting constable. Albert was appointed a temporary clerk and sorter 12 September 1905 on an annual salary of £34. [S61] Albert was appointed post boy and messenger 1 June 1906 on an annual salary of £24. [S62] Albert was appointed customs officer on board the whaling steamer *Sobreon* 16 November 1910. [S65] Albert was appointed a post office clerk 17 March 1911 on an annual salary of £36. [S66] He acted as deputy collector of customs and deputy postmaster at New Island 17th to 31st December 1912. [S67] Albert was appointed customs officer at South Georgia 1 October 1913 on an annual salary of £150 and quarters. [S68] Albert resigned circa October 1916. [S71; 72] Albert, a clerk, was married to **Dorothy ALDRIDGE** 29 September 1920 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were George Newing and L Aldridge. Dorothy's father was recorded as John George Aldridge, deceased hotel proprietor. In 1924 Albert, age 32 and an accountant, travelled overseas to consult an eye specialist and Dorothy accompanied him. According to his passport application Albert was 5' 10" tall with grey eyes and black hair.



Albert and Dorothy in 1924

Albert was recognised as French Consular Agent in Stanley 31 July 1925. [R34; 92] Albert was one of a group of men appointed to form a committee to arrange entertainments in connection with HM ships in June 1928, February, July and August 1929. [R37; 96: R38; 7, 115] Dorothy died 1 October 1954 in Stanley, age 56, and was buried 4 October 1954 in Grave Q1541. Albert, a retired accountant, died 19 February 1957 in Stanley and was buried 21 February 1957 in Grave Q1582.

10. **Charles Austen NEWING** born 24 September 1893 and baptised 13 December 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Charles, a member of the Volunteer Corps, was accidentally drowned while in the performance of duty crossing between Engineer Point and the W/T Station and was buried 5 December 1914 in Grave E775.

